

## Message Text

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TO USDOC WASHDC  
INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BBAK, BDIS, UK, GH  
SUBJECT: NASSAB KASSAB /

REF: USDOC 14030

1. EMBASSY HAS ASCERTAINED FROM AN INFORMED TRADE SOURCE THAT, SINCE OCTOBER 1974, INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE COMPANY LTD. HAS NOT BEEN TRADING IN U.K. THIS GHANA-REGISTERED FIRM WAS APPARENTLY LOCATED AT P.O. BOX 319, ACCRA, AND WAS CONTROLLED BY SALIM KASSAB AND MOUIZER NAJI KASSAB. THE SAME SOURCE STATES THAT, AS FAR AS IT IS AWARE, THE KASSABS HAVE NOT RECOMMENCED TRADING IN U.K.

2. USDOC MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE ON FILE A LETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE COMPANY LTD. OF 12/21/72, SIGNED BY S. KASSAB, WHICH INDICATES THAT FIRM HAD A TECHNICAL DEPT. AND TRAINED STAFF IN LEBANON TO DEAL WITH AIR CONDITIONING ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE. AT THAT TIME KASSAB ALSO RETURNED TO THIS OFFICE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE, DETAILS FROM WHICH FOLLOW: INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE COMPANY LTD., MEMBER OF KASSAB UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUP OF COMPANIES, ASSOCIATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. TEMPORARY ADDRESS: 40 CATHCART ROAD, LONDON SW10 9NN, MOVING TO NORTH WEST LONDON EARLY 1973. MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, EXPORTER, IMPORTER OF ANIMAL FEED CEREALS; MANUFACTURER OF SMOKED RUBBER SHEETS; SPICES. ALSO COMPUTER SPARES, ACCESSORIES; STATIONERY; INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY; AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT. PRIVATE LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1930 (KASSAB GROUP OF COMPANIES). BANKERS: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK LTD.; BARCLAYS BANK (GHANA) LTD. (NO ADDRESS FOR EITHER). FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN WEST GERMANY - BREMEN, STUTTGERT. BUYS IN U.S., U.K., SOUTH AMERICA, COMMON MARKET AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, ASIA, NEAR EAST AND AFRICA. SELLS IN U.S., U.K., COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES, NEAR EAST AND AFRICA.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON KASSAB'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS, BUT IF ANYTHING COMES TO HAND WE WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP CABLE.  
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